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**SECRETARY OF STATE**

CHAPTER 2

# **HOUSE BILL 2534**

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 7, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING  
SECTION 9-471.04; RELATING TO CITY OR TOWN ANNEXATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 9, chapter 4, article 7, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended by adding section 9-471.04, to read:

4 9-471.04. Annexation of territory partially or completely  
5 surrounded by city or town; definition

6 A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE:

7 1. A CITY OR TOWN LOCATED IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF MORE THAN  
8 THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PERSONS MAY ANNEX ANY TERRITORY WITHIN AN AREA  
9 THAT IS SURROUNDED BY THE CITY OR TOWN OR THAT IS BORDERED BY THE CITY OR  
10 TOWN ON AT LEAST THREE SIDES IF THE LANDOWNER HAS SUBMITTED A REQUEST TO THE  
11 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THE TERRITORY OR HOLD THE TERRITORY  
12 IN TRUST.

13 2. THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS VALID IF  
14 APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OR TOWN. THE  
15 ANNEXATION BECOMES IMMEDIATELY OPERATIVE IF IT IS APPROVED BY AT LEAST  
16 TWO-THIRDS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OR TOWN.

17 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "SUBMITTED A REQUEST TO THE  
18 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS THE LANDOWNER HAS MADE AN APPLICATION TO THE  
19 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS REQUIRED BY A SPECIFIC FEDERAL STATUTE OR REGULATION.

20 Sec. 2. Emergency

21 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the  
22 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by  
23 law.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR FEBRUARY 1, 2011.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FEBRUARY 1, 2011.